

## BRIDGEPORT BOYS ARE ARRAIGNED FOR MURDER

Youthful Trio From This City Placed on Trial in Paterson, N. J., Double Killings Connected With Robbery Plead Guilty.

Edward Dennis, 18, of 1252 Brooks street, Mike Ferraro, 20, of 863 Pembroke street, John Lasanow, 18, of 463 Pembroke street, all of Bridgeport, and Charles Pagnillo, 19, of 70, 6th avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, form the youngest quartette charged with murder that has ever appeared before Justice Minter in the Paterson Criminal Court. They are accused of having held up and murdered two men in Paterson on the night of May 5.

The three Bridgeport boys have entered a plea of guilty to the charge of murder in the second degree and are now being used by the state as witnesses against Pagnillo, whom they allege did the actual planning and killing. It is expected sentence will be passed upon the quartet next Monday.

Great interest is shown by Bridgeporters in the trial of the four young desperadoes as three of them were well known in this city and had a more or less constant feud with the authorities.

It was entirely due to the clever work performed by Detective Sergeant Bray, of the Bridgeport Detective Bureau, that the murderers were rounded up, as he took up the case from the Bridgeport end and trailed two of them to the small town of Hollidaysburg, outside of Altoona, Penn., where they were lodged in jail charged with trespassing on railroad property under the assumed names of Reynolds and Dorkin.

Ferraro, had in the meantime, been caught by Bray in Bridgeport and it was upon information gained from him that he was able to trail the others as they made desperate efforts to beat their way west.

The history of the case furnishes some of the most remarkable instances of cold blooded brutality in the annals of crime, so much so, that case hardened police officials were appalled at the callousness of the accused boys as the story was told of how a campaign of murder and robbery was planned and put into execution in the Silk Mill city.

According to the evidence so far produced in court the three Bridgeport boys arrived in Paterson to visit Pagnillo who is a cousin of Ferraro's. They apparently planned to get some easy money even though they would have to murder to get it.

Sunday night, May 5, they held up at a lonely spot on Gollie road, Nicholas Westdyke, 64, of 195 North First street, Paterson, and Christian De Vries, 62, of 250 North Fourth street, Paterson. From what can be learned the bandits held their hands over the mouths of the victims after they had been terrorized by the threat of shooting with a .46-calibre automatic pistol, while others beat in their skulls with an iron bar. Excellent teamwork was apparent for the two men crumpled under the blows about the same time.

Before they had time to rob the vic-

tims of their murderous assault the assassins were frightened away by some boys who were running a road race whom they thought were coming to the rescue of the murdered men. They fled, leaving \$2,000 which was contained in a bag hung about the neck of Nicholas Westdyke.

As an example of diabolical callousness the quartet allowed but 15 minutes to elapse before they held up Joseph Tannis, a peddler, but Pagnillo coming close to him and peering into his face recognized him and turning to his companions said, "Let him go; it's Tanner, the peddler, and he is a friend of mine." The quartet of bandits then disappeared, but were seen by persons who recognized Pagnillo, coming from the direction of the crime.

The two victims were rushed to the hospital, but Westdyke died within an hour and De Vries lingered for eleven days before he succumbed to the terrible wounds he received.

Pagnillo was immediately captured by the Paterson police and a net spread for the others. Detective Sergeant Bray of the Bridgeport bureau was assigned to the case by Captain E. O. Cronan, chief of the detective bureau, and within an hour had bagged Ferraro, who had come back to Bridgeport.

Bray then caught a late train out of this city and arriving in Paterson spent the balance of the night in conference with the Jersey authorities. He then left Paterson and trailed Dennis and Lasanow to Altoona, Pa. While in this city he learned that two men answering the description of the fugitives had been arrested in Hollidaysburg, charged with trespassing on railroad property. He went to the latter town and the prisoners were routed out of their beds at 1:30 in the morning when he visited the jail.

The visitors were lined up and out of the mob Bray picked the two men he wanted. They were under the aliases of Reynolds and Dorkin.

He brought them back to Paterson and turned them over to the police of that city. Bray received the thanks of the police department of Paterson and all the city officials of the Silk city for the very efficient service he rendered and had the satisfaction of knowing when he left Jersey that his three Bridgeport prisoners had pleaded guilty and that the fourth would undoubtedly be convicted upon their evidence.

## OSBORN WOUNDED FOR SECOND TIME

New York, July 12—For the second time since he went to fight in France the name of Lieut. William Henry Osborn, youngest son of William Church Osborn, lawyer and philanthropist of New York, appears in today's casualty list. He was previously reported as slightly wounded in April. This time he was shot in the groin on June 6, according to a message received by his family.

## ROYAL COUPLE RETURN BY PLANE

Paris, July 12—The king and queen of Belgium, who had been visiting England, have returned to France by the same means which they used in crossing the channel to England—through the air. The return passage, the newspapers say, lasted 30 minutes. The royal couple said they were delighted with the experiences of the aerial voyage.

## WHOLESALE DRUG TRADE IN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY

Complaint Issued By Federal Trade Commission That Organization Has Been Engaged In Work of Stifling Competition.

Washington, July 12—Conspiracy with the intention and effect of stifling competition in the wholesale drug trade was charged by the federal trade commission in a complaint today against the National Wholesale Druggists' association, the Title Guaranty & Trust Co., of New York, the organization's treasurer, and numerous individuals, including the association's officers.

## RUSHING WORK ON HOG ISLAND YARD BOWLES ASSERTS

Philadelphia, July 12—Rapid progress is made toward the completion of the Hog Island ship yards according to Francis T. Bowles, director of operations, who today announced that 26 keels had been laid and that the number of workers at the yard had reached 25,500. This, Mr. Bowles said, is but 1,500 short of the number of employees that will be required to operate the yard at full capacity. All the ways are expected to be completed early in August.

## CHUKA CRUSHED; SAFETY DEVICE FAILED TO WORK

2,500 Pounds of Brass Pipe Fall When Cables Part.

Coroner John J. Phelan is conducting an investigation this afternoon into the death of John Chuka, who was killed yesterday at the Bridgeport Brass Co., being crushed under the weight of 2,500 pounds of brass pipes that fell from a traveling crane. It is believed that the failure of a safety device was responsible for the accident and this is the matter that it is to be robed to determine the responsibility.

Three pipes are carried from one end of the shop to the other by means of traveling cranes and are suspended in slings made of hampen cable. When the pipes are lifted from the floor there is a safety switch which automatically stops the rise of the load when it has reached a sufficient height to clear the heads of the workers.

For some unknown reason the switch on this particular load did not work and the cable of hemp was carried over the drum which pinched and literally pulled the strands of the cable apart. This caused the load to drop to the floor and it was Chuka's unfortunate fate to be directly underneath.

## ALL FACTORIES MUST FILE FUEL QUESTIONNAIRES

Hartford, July 12—An order of the United States fuel administration, prohibiting needless waste of coal in factories, will be made effective in Connecticut at once, according to plans announced at a meeting of local fuel committee chairmen from all parts of the state in the Capitol yesterday. After the filing of comprehensive questionnaires by manufacturers, personal inspection of every factory plant will be made by United States fuel inspectors. Each plant will be rated in one of five classifications, according to the thoroughness of the owner in conforming to the recommendations of the fuel administration for using coal efficiently. If any manufacturer fails to put these recommendations into effect, his supply of coal may be curtailed at the discretion of Thomas W. Russell, United States fuel administrator for Connecticut, or cut off completely.

## WILL OF EDITOR, RIDGEFIELD MAN, GOES TO PROBATE

New York, July 12—The will of John A. Mitchell, editor of "Life" and owner of the publishing Co. was filed for probate in the Surrogate's office yesterday. No petition accompanied the will and the amount of the estate was not given, although it is said to have been considerable.

His sister, Sarah Hewes Ames, and his chauffeur, Henry Ross, receive specific cash bequests of \$5,000 each. The servants in his employ all receive legacies of \$500. All his household belongings go to his widow. She is also to receive the income from 500 shares of stock in "Life" and is made the residuary legatee. Other bequests of stock in "Life" are Anna M. Richards, a sister, 100 shares; Amelia H. Ames, 50 shares; Edward S. Metcalf, 50 shares; and Thomas L. Masson, 10 shares each.

Mr. Mitchell died at his summer home at Ridgefield, Conn., June 29 last. His town house was at 41 East 67th street. He was born at Ridgefield and educated at Phillips Exeter Academy, Harvard and the Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris. Several of his etchings received honorable mention in the Paris Salon. He was the author of "Amos Judd," "Gloria Victus" and other novels. He was a member of the Century, Ardsley, City and Automobile clubs.

## K. OF C. WORKERS LEAVE PORT FOR SERVICE IN WAR

New York, July 12—A detail of men for the overseas service of the Knights of Columbus, including six secretaries and two chaplains, has sailed from an Atlantic port. Among those who sailed were the Rev. Lucien Libert of Martinsburg, Ill.; Thomas N. Shiel of Lake Forest, Ill.; Charles C. Coyne, Madison, Wis.; Albert Cassidy and John A. Meehan of Albany; the Rev. Daniel A. Quinn of Stapleton; Edward Menton, Boone, Iowa; and John Steiner, Helena, Mont.

A cable received yesterday by the committee on war activities announced that several New York men who had arrived in Paris as Knights of Columbus secretaries, had been assigned to duty in American camps. The committee announced that 10,000,000 monogram cigarettes had been shipped to American camps in France.

## 49 STILL ON BREAD AND WATER DIET.

Hartford, July 12—The prisoners at the State Prison who went on strike Tuesday because of their complaints as to the quality of the food served them, are gradually yielding, and one by one are asking to be permitted to go to the warden and say so.

Of the 104 who refused to work in the shop Tuesday because of the food, 55 have now returned and there are but 49 now on the black list. Included in these are the ringleaders, who are reluctant to ask permission to go back to work and who probably will be the last to seek permission to resume their places in the shop. In addition to ruling that but a single slice of bread be furnished the strikers at meal hours with water, Warden C. S. McLaughlin insists that the prisoners will be treated as individuals. This latter being a bitter pill for some of them to swallow.

## WARNS PUBLIC TO BEWARE OF FAKE COAL INSPECTORS

Hartford, July 12—Warning was issued today to householders by Thomas W. Russell, fuel administrator for Connecticut to beware of any persons who claim to be acting as inspectors for the United States Fuel Administration enforcing the coal rationing plan recently announced in the press.

The state office of the United States Fuel Administration learned today that in one community in the state a man was going about to various houses representing that he was a fuel inspector for the government with authority to look over furnaces and coal supplies. No information have been received at the state office that fuel inspectors have been appointed.

Mr. Russell issued formal warning to the people of the state to be on their guard against impostors of this character. He suggested that in case of doubt, citizens confer with the fuel commission in their community. It is suspected that sneak thieves and second story men are using this method of gaining entrance into houses.

## GERMANS WANT HEAVY INDEMNITY FROM RUSSIANS

Paris, July 12—Germany's claim for indemnity from Russia amounts to approximately 1,000,000,000 roubles, according to a report printed in the Berlin Vossische Zeitung on the work done by the mixed commission named to take up consideration of claims growing out of the conclusion of the Brest-Litovsk peace.

This commission has concluded its session, during which German representatives presented claims aggregating the amount named for war damages. Immediate settlement of the claim is asked, it is said.

## FEDERAL HELP FOR FARM LABOR IS PRONOUNCED

Washington, July 12—Business conditions continue active and satisfactory with general confidence expressed in the future denoted by liberal advance buying according to the Federal Reserve Board's monthly summary, issued today, based on reports from the twelve Federal districts.

Labor shortages are emphasized in the reports from every district except Minneapolis, where the situation is described as "good although the effect of the draft is beginning to show itself in the increasing employment of women." The Kansas City district, which includes a large part of the wheat belt, reports that "the movement of farm labor is being controlled as never before" through the co-operation of the government labor offices.

Crops were reported as above normal in all districts except Dallas where protracted drought injured severely the small grain crop. General adjustment of business to meet governmental requirements, and unexpected ease in meeting tax payments are universally commented upon. Construction and building have been curtailed everywhere, the summary indicated, except in cases of government requirements for storage and housing. Money rates generally are firm.

## Men Over Draft Age Wanted For Service In U. S. Guards, N. A.

Major W. A. Mercer, commanding Connecticut recruiting district, says that men over the draft age are wanted in the United States Guards, National Army. The purpose of this unit is to carry out the President's plan for the universal training of all able-bodied men, and public utilities, etc. Service will be in this country only. The physical qualifications necessary are the same as for the infantry, and the pay, rank, etc., are the same as in other branches of the service. To be eligible, men must have had prior service in the army, navy, marine corps, or well organized militia, fire and police departments. Accepted applicants from this recruiting district will be sent to the Armory, Boston, Mass., for duty.

The following men were found physically qualified and were sent to Fort Slocum, N. Y.: Engineers, Walter C. Elwood, Bridgeport; Samuel S. Jones, Stratford; cavalry, Ernest F. Amiot, Bridgeport.

Benjamin C. Welner, Bridgeport, was accepted for the medical department, and sent to Army General Hospital No. 16, West Haven.

## SLACKER ROUND UP STILL IN FORCE

Chicago, July 12—The roundup by federal agents and police of slackers and unregistered aliens which brought to various stations nearly 5,000 men last night continued today. Railroad stations, steamer piers, theatres, hotels, pool rooms, restaurants and other public places were searched and those who could not show cards or proper credentials were detained.

Out of the 5,000 questioned, some 400 were compelled to spend the night in jail, many of them being out of town visitors.

## HUN DAMS' PLAN AROUSES SWISS

Washington, July 12—Germany's plan to establish on the Rhine between Basle and Strasbourg a series of dams for factories which would interrupt the current of the river and interfere with the free waterway between Switzerland and the sea is causing much adverse comment among the Swiss.

A dispatch from Berne today says the federal council has been called upon to open diplomatic negotiations with the German government in order to prevent their work.

## CHEMICAL FIRMS STOCK MAY BE GERMAN-OWNED

Inquiry Is Begun in New York at Request of Government.

New York, July 12—A hearing to determine whether the majority of the stock of three chemical companies in the United States is American owned or German owned was begun here today before Merton E. Lewis, state attorney general, at the request of the department of justice and A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian.

If the majority of the stock of these three concerns, the Roessler & Hasselbacher Chemical Co. of New York and two subsidiaries, the Niagara Electro Chemical Co. of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and the Perth Amboy Chemical Co. of Perth Amboy, N. J., is owned by a German company, the Gold & Silver refinery, of Frankfurt, Germany, as alleged by the government, the three companies would be subject to seizure by the alien property custodian.

It is the government's belief, according to Alfred L. Becker, deputy state attorney general, that from 80 to 90 per cent. of the stock of the three companies is owned by the German firm. The three companies assert that 52 per cent. of the stock is American-owned, their claim being based on an alleged transfer of their amount of the stock to American hands in February, 1917, or two months before the United States entered the war.

The Niagara Electro Chemical Co. is a \$200,000 concern, which according to the attorney general, has been paying dividends aggregating 500 per cent. yearly.

## JOHN MUIR & CO. SUSPENDED FOR BREAKING RULES

New York, July 12—Governors of the Stock Exchange brought something akin to a sensation into the summer dullness of Wall street yesterday by suspending John Muir and Edwin H. Muir, his son, of the firm of John Muir & Co., from membership for one year. The charge on which the Muirs were disciplined was that the firm had taken into partnership Charles A. Burbank under an arrangement which the governing body held nullified the rules of the Exchange in regard to commissions and partnership agreements. Mr. Burbank was also suspended for a year.

The inquiry which preceded the action, it was learned, had been continued a month before the governors voted on Wednesday. Mr. Burbank, who joined the firm a year ago, withdrew around June 1, and it was shortly after this date that the inquiry began. While the Exchange authorities limited their announcement of the suspension to a brief statement, the basis for the penalty was that the partnership agreement provided that Mr. Burbank should receive a stated income and not participate directly in the profits of the house. This, the governors decided, impaired the status of the partnership and was not in keeping with the established procedure for conducting business.

## DIES AS HE HOPES HE WILL RETURN TO FIRING LINE

New York, July 12—"My country needs me. I'm not going to wait for the draft." With these words Christian Boehm put on his hat and left his home in Irvington, N. J., enlisting in the Marine Corps June 5, 1917. Yesterday the name of Private Christian Boehm appeared among those who had been killed in action. In the official notification sent to his home he is reported as having died between June 1 and June 18.

In a letter written June 12 by Private Boehm he told of having been wounded, but said that he was convalescing and expected to return to the trenches in a few days. He was 25 years old, his son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boehm. His father died three months ago and he is survived by his mother, six sisters and four brothers.

## U. S. LAUNCH SUNK, 2 MISSING

Washington, July 12—An American naval launch after aiding a French destroyer in intercepting a German seaplane to safety, was sunk by German shore batteries, two of her crew probably drowned, and two taken prisoner by the enemy.

Assistant Surgeon Albert Mason Stevens, naval reserves, and Philip Goldman, quartermaster, both of New York city, landed in front of the German batteries and were captured. Seamen Charles Joe Tatulinski, Cleveland, and John Peter Vogt, New Orleans, are missing. Three others in the boat away for shore with life preservers and were picked up unhurt on Allied territory.

## HE DIES BEFORE REPORTING DATE

Greenwich, July 12—Alexander Comble Kerr, 23, until 10 days ago assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. here died at the Greenwich hospital today from pneumonia which followed a minor operation.

Mr. Kerr was born in Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland, son of the Rev. Archibald S. Kerr, now a Presbyterian pastor in Reber, N. Y. He had enlisted in the royal flying corps and was to report in Toronto next Monday.

## RESCUE 2 OFFICERS.

Havana, July 12—At the mercy of a heavy sea, the engine of their motor boat having failed three miles off shore near Santiago, two American army officers were rescued late yesterday by the crew of a launch of a Cuban gunboat.

Washington, July 12—Occupation of Berat and the capture of quantities of war materials and many prisoners by the advancing Italian army in Albania were announced today in an official dispatch from Rome.

## HOLDERS OF HUN BONDS TABBED BY WASHINGTON

Names of Approximately 20,000 Individuals Are on List Compiled By Secret Service Men Fighting the German Propaganda.

Washington, July 12—A fairly complete list of the holders of German government bonds in the United States is among the assets of secret service men fighting German propaganda, it was said today by officials, discussing the disclosure of the large holdings of the Busch family made yesterday by Alfred L. Becker, New York assistant attorney general.

## PERSHING REPORTS FIVE BOMBING PLANES MISSING

Berlin Statement Said Machines Had Started Out to Raid Coblenz.

Washington, July 12—Five American aeroplanes which went on a bombing expedition have failed to return, Gen. Pershing's communique reported today.

Berlin reported five American aeroplanes in German hands yesterday. Gen. Pershing's communique was the first announcement from American sources of the loss of the machines. It gave no details but yesterday's report from Berlin, which came by way of London, declared five machines were part of a squadron of six that started out to bomb Coblenz. The crews of the aeroplanes, the German report said, were taken prisoner.

The communique added that a raid attempted by the enemy in the Vosges broke down with losses before the American lines were reached. The day passed quietly at other points.

## EDISON'S SON NOW MEMBER OF TANK CORPS

New York, July 12—William L. Edison, second son of Thomas A. Edison, having passed his examination for a commission in the Tank Corps with a grade of 100 plus, has left Morristown for Fort Slocum. Mr. Edison came to New York a few days ago to enlist in the Tank Corps here, but, being a skilled mechanic, he was sent to Washington where he took his examination.

He returned and went yesterday to Fort Slocum as a private. It is understood that he will stay at this post for a week while being equipped and will then go to Camp Holt in Gettysburg, where about 14,000 men are being trained for this branch of the service. He will train as a private there and will be given his commission after he has studied the fundamental principles of the tanks.

William L. Edison, who is 38 years old, is the first of Thomas A. Edison's four sons who has entered the service. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having enlisted at the age of 19 in Company A of the First Regiment of United States Volunteer Engineers.

Mr. Edison's three brothers are Thomas A., Jr., 41; Charles, 27, and Theodore, 19. Mr. Edison married Blanche Fowler Travers of Salisbury, Md.

## TURKEY TO INFORM U. S.

Washington, July 12—Turkey has informed the United States, through the Swedish foreign office, that so far the true facts as to the reported seizure of the American consulate and sequestration of an American hospital in Tabriz, Persia, by Turkish soldiers, have not been ascertained, but that it will be done at the earliest possible moment.

## WOULD ACT ON PEACE IF TERMS APPEALED

This In Substance Is Gist of Speech Von Hertling Makes to Reichstag, But Wilson Deemed Too Severe.

London, July 12—There is the closest union between the political leaders of Germany and German army headquarters regarding their readiness to receive peace proposals from the Allies, if they are offered in a spirit of sincerity. This statement was made in the Reichstag by Imperial Chancellor Von Hertling, says an Exchange Telegraph Co. dispatch from Copenhagen.

## SEIZE PROPERTY OWNED BY ALIEN

Meriden, July 12—Allen owned property consisting of two business buildings in West Main street, with two dwellings in their rear, was taken over for the alien property custodian by government agents today.

The owner is Louis Michalea, formerly a baker here, who has lived in Germany for 10 years and who had left the real estate in care of Alwin Michalea, an adopted son, to whom he had given the bakery business.

The Union & New Haven Trust Co. will act for the custodian. In one of the business blocks is a moving picture theater.

## RUMANIANS FACE DEATH BY FAMINE

Paris, July 12—Rumania's peasant population in a more precarious condition than at any time since Rumania entered the war. Reports reaching the Associated Press from authoritative sources indicate that all crops this year are failures.

Names of nearly 20,000 individuals are on the list, which has been built up during the course of secret investigations made during the last two years. A wide distribution was given to the securities, and they were listed in denominations of as small as \$50.

Approximately six different issues of the bonds were made in the United States in order to evade the English blockade and to make the bonds valuable if seized a provision was incorporated in the face of most of them that they should be regarded as invalid unless countersigned by Count von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the United States.

They were underwritten in good sized blocks by various banking houses and syndicates, the Transatlantic Trust Co. officers of which were arrested yesterday for internment, being an active agent.

The total amount obtained by the Germans through bond sales is known to have been large, though probably below the \$100,000,000 figure intimated by Mr. Becker. The property in the bonds technically is classed as American holdings of investments in Germany and thus is not necessarily subject to seizure by the alien property custodian. Further revelations of the use made of the money obtained are likely to be made from time to time, officials said, when internment proceedings are brought in court.

## NOT TO INDUCT NEUTRAL ALIENS

The draft boards received notice today that aliens of neutral countries, who desire to become naturalized citizens of the United States, should not be inducted into army service until the regulations of the President are received. The President has exempted citizens of neutral countries if they come within the conditions fixed by him. However citizens of the following countries do not come under this ruling, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Monaco, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Panama, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Siam and Turkey. Citizens of those countries can be inducted by the draft boards. The notice also stated that citizens of Austria and Germany are still considered aliens.

## LAYS DEATH TO DEFECTIVE PLANE

Washington, July 12—Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, who made an investigation of the American aircraft program at the request of President Wilson, today was open to read last night at a meeting here of the American Inventors' Association, discrediting the belief that the accident that caused the death of Major John Purroy Mitchell, former mayor of New York, in an aviation accident at Gettysburg field, Louisiana, was the failure of the aviator to fasten himself in his plane. Borglum in his letter intimated that it was the result of a defective plane.

American training planes show a greater casualty list than those of any other nation, Borglum said. He charged that a lot of aeroplanes recently sent abroad caused the death of an aviator in much the same manner as former Mayor Mitchell was killed.